

**FOR: BLEACH BATH**

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) **ART UNIT: TO BE ASSIGNED**  
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) **EXAMINER: TO BE ASSIGNED**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to fee calculation and examination please amend the above-identified application as follows.

### In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-15.

Please add the following new claims.

- 16. A bleach or bleach/fixing solution for processing photographic silver halide materials which, relative to the silver halide content of the unprocessed material, exhibit prior to the bleaching step, a content of silver arising from development of at least 65 mol%, and the solution comprises at least one iron complex of propylenediaminetetraacetic acid or of  $\beta$ -alaninediacetic acid or a mixture thereof and the total concentration of said iron complexes in the solution is at least 0.045 and at most 0.25 mol/l.